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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH ADMISSION TO UN

1. PAK AMBASSADOR YAQUB TELEPHONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER MARCH 7 REGARDING WHAT HE SAID WAS LIKELY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN BANGLADESH ADMISSION TO UN IN SPECIAL UNGA SESSION IN APRIL. YAQUB REAFFIRMED GOP POSITION THAT IT CANNOT SUPPORT SUCH ADMISSION UNTIL ALL POWS (INCLUDING FINAL 195) ARE ACTUALLY REPATRIATED. YAQUB EMPHASIZED THAT GOP WOULD LIKE TO SEE BD IN UN ONCE ABOVE CONDITION IS MET. HE STATED GOP VIEW IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR THIS VERY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE TO COME UP AT TIME WHEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE MOVING TOWARD NORMALIZATION. GOP HOPED ITS FRIENDS SUCH AS US, WHICH HAD BEEN SO HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING TREND TOWARD NORMALIZATION COULD

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USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO HELP AVOID "ACID" DEBATE AT SPECIAL UNGA.

2. SOBER SAID HE APPRECIATED YAQUB'S CALL AND REAFFIRMED DEEP INTEREST IN FURTHER STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZATION FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF RECENT MUTUAL RECOGNITION BY GOP AND BDG. WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ANY DEVELOPMENTS THAT GET IN WAY OF FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION ESPECIALLY IF THEY WOULD RETARD OR SERIOUSLY SET BACK CURRENT HOPEFUL TRENDS. ON SPECIFIC ISSUE RAISED BY YAQUB, SOBER RECALLED AND REAFFIRMED ESTABLISHED USG POSITION WHICH SUPPORTS BD ADMISSION TO UN (WHICH YAQUB

INDICATED HE AWARE). SOBER SAID WE WOULD HAVE YAQUB'S APPEAL IN MIND BUT COULD NOT FORESEE AT THIS MOMENT WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE HELPFUL IN AVOIDING TYPE OF CONFRONTATION YAQUB HAD MENTIONED. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH YAQUB'S REITERATION OF APPRECIATION FOR PAST USG HELPFULNESS ON THIS QUESTION AND EXPRESSION OF HOPE WE COULD AVOID CONFRONTATION AT SPECIAL UNGA.

3. FOR GUIDANCE OF ADDRESSEES: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF PREMATURE CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPECIAL UNGA, WHICH WE ASSUME WOULD BRING ANOTHER CHINESE VETO IN UNSC, AND RETARD PAK-BD (AND PERHAPS INDO-PAK) NORMALIZATION. YOU MAY EXPRESS SUCH VIEW IF QUERIED. YOU SHOULD AT SAME TIME REITERATE OUR POSITION IN FAVOR OF BD ADMISSION TO UN. KISSINGER

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